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Air Vice Marshal J. D. Breakey
Head of Air Force Staff
British Joint Services Mission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Air Vice Marshal Breakey:

Reference is made to your letter of 21 September containing Sir John Slessor's request for additional information on the reported interception of an RB-45C aircraft in the Korean theater on 5 June of this year.

My staff has just completed a study evaluating the Chinese Communist-Soviet air defense capabilities as demonstrated in reactions to five missions flown since January into sensitive areas adjacent to the Korean theater. Included in this study is a re-evaluation of the mission of 5 June, in which the reliability factor of the crew report is given full consideration. In final analysis, this factor is not too critical since visibility conditions during the entire flight were such that the RB-45C could have been intercepted by MIG-15 day fighters positioned in the vicinity of the bomber track by a ground controller. This capability for intercept over defended areas under such conditions of visibility has been given the Russians by both of our Intelligence agencies for some time.

Attached as Tab A is the summary section of the study referred to above. A copy of the full report will be delivered to you when it is published.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

N. F. TWINING
General, USAF
Vice Chief of Staff

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